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Municipal Ownership.

The stand taken by the *Message* last week in favor of municipal ownership and operating the city's electric light plant is endorsed by dozens and scores of our citizens. It touches the pocket book, that's the point.

Hundreds of our American cities are waking up on this question of municipal ownership of public utilities. An old friend of the *Message*, born in England, tho now having been a citizen of this country near forty years, endorses the *Message's* position heartily, and hands in the observations below, concerning the management of one of the large cities of his native land:

Huddersfield, a city of England, of 100,000 inhabitants, largely mill operatives, is an interesting study. Every municipal monopoly is under public management. The water works have been successfully maintained for years. In 1882 the gas works were taken and the price of gas was reduced to 66 cents per 1,000 for lighting, and 49 cents for heating or running engines, while the working day was reduced to eight hours. For the convenience of the poor, "penny-in-the-slot" meters are used, so that by dropping in one penny (2 cents) thirty feet of gas is secured. The city rents gas stoves of all sizes at 10 per cent of cost per annum, which pays both interest and wear. In 1893 the city built its own electric light plant. All apparatus is rented when desired, on easy terms, and the price of electricity for cooking, heating, motors and other purposes fixed so low as to invite extensive use.

Huddersfield was the first city in Great Britain to build and operate its street railways. These did not pay until the last few years, but the city is very hilly and widely scattered, which makes railways, waterworks, gas works and electric light works more expensive than usual. Yet, notwithstanding this, and the eight hours day, and the low rates, the city maintains all the plants in good order and saves \$25,000 a year.

The street cars have letter boxes which are free to passengers, but the car will stop and take your letter to the office for a penny.

To secure better accommodations for the poorer classes, the city has built 160 dwellings, a mechanics' home where accommodations are supplied for 10 cents a night, and model lodging houses at 6 cents a night.

There are public baths, public halls, a public hospital and sanitarium, library, art gallery, a municipal technical school besides the public schools. The city owns and controls the market and slaughter houses, etc.

Whether you call this socialism or co-operation or by any other name, one thing is certain, the citizens of Huddersfield, after a trial of 45 years with some of them, are highly pleased with their municipal enterprises.

The World's Fair.

St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

MR. W. K. POTTS, Mayor of Mexico, Mo., writes the Post-Dispatch: "As with the voice of one man our people favor the Fair. Missouri has more to show the world than any other State in the Union. The Mississippi Valley is the richest valley in the world, and St. Louis, the future capital of these United States, is the metropolis. * * * The expense of the enterprise will be paid ten-fold by the investment of capital which will follow."

This is the broad-minded, far-seeing view to the question. The material advantages of the Missis-

sippi Valley especially invite a great enterprise like the World's Fair. No other section on the earth is so well adapted to such a comprehensive public work. And the capital to start it is abundant and should be forthcoming.

Mr. Potts does not exaggerate when he says the expense will be returned ten-fold. Probably it is an understatement, for the Fair will advertise the natural advantages of the Middle West and make it the commercial center of the world.

The Reed rules will prevail in the House during the present session of Congress.

Mrs. W. K. POTTS, of Mexico, is enthusiastic for the proposed World's Fair to be held at St. Louis. Just so should every Missourian be.

Congress is in session and the first measure introduced in the House was that gold standard bill. They are going to get us this time if it is possible.

The British have been walking into the jaws of death with the Boers right along. Well, the way of the transgressor is indeed sometimes a little hard.

CARTHAGE, Mo., at a recent election, voted to erect and operate its own electric light plant. It's the coming condition—public ownership of public franchises. The value created by the community belongs to the community. A pointer for the taxpaying citizens of Mexico.

SOME of our Democratic contemporaries want to "put a stop to the discussion for a State primary." Well, maybe the people will consent to let the matter go over next year but, like the election of the United States Senators by direct vote, the State primary must come sooner or later.

THE German element of Andrain county are the ones who are succeeding with the farm. Saving the little things, the waste and the manure—that is their bank account. Poultry and fruit raising is another big fort. Neighbor, no difference what your vocation, you can learn a lesson in saving and money-making from the German farmer.

THERE is a very thriving literary and debating society at Maple Grove school house, held every Friday night, three miles northwest of Mexico. The Maple Grove Banner edited by Miss Lena Toalson and Mr. Ward Parsons, is a drawing feature. For amusement and entertainment—all educational—hard to get anything to excel the old-fashioned country debating society.

GEN. HENDERSON, who will be the new speaker of the House of Representatives, who must aid McKinley's policy of imperialism, made a speech in 1893 which now must make him blush every time he thinks of it. The speech was regarding the horrors of war, and the main facts of that effort will be seen to be very potent now. He said that war is the prop of thrones and the weapon of tyrants that makes humanity weep. How true, but how inconsistent it seems with Mr. Henderson's position now.

THE community northeast of Mexico, near Rush Hill and Worcester, is one of the most prosperous farming communities in Andrain county. It is largely settled by Germans, and "good times" or "bad times" these men make money every year. They save the little things of the farm, always. We might mention the following of that community: Frank and Valentine Erdel and Henry and Jacob Sieger. We wish we had more such men in our county. There would be less failure in farming and there would be more wealth brought into the county.

FORMER GOVERNOR STONE is out in an interview expressing fears that the next big consolidation will be the national banks. Mr. Stone thinks that the passage of that gold standard measure in Congress is only one step in a gigantic plan. Certain other legislation in the interests of the national banks and the result would be the establishment of one large bank in each big city and a multitude of branch banks in the small towns. The same principle that is developing by the department stores and which is killing off the small merchants in many places.

The attorneys in the Triplett-Sims law suit tried here last week and retried this week, were, for the plaintiff, John T. Baker and Rhodes Clay; for the defense, P. H. Cullen and Earnest Coil.

IF the smallpox were to get into Mexico it surely would cost the city thousands of dollars, supposing it should get among our colored population. The authorities cannot be too rigid in enforcing the quarantine.

THE *Message* has put in a new Monona power press. In purchase with the outside pages failed in the right manipulations and there was a bad "scald." You will see a superb print on our paper in the future however.

CONGRESSMAN LOYD of Missouri has introduced a joint resolution in Congress in favor of the election of Senators by direct vote of the people. An important measure, and it will be shown that it has many friends too.

THE President's message is an appeal to the patriotism of the people, with his feet upon the gold standard and imperialism. The prime purpose is to catch votes. The patriotic idea is couched in extravagant metaphors, historic, laudatory and seductive. Will the people be deceived?

HERE is a hitler from the Monro City Democrat, which comes home to the news paper publishers. It would be interesting for the Republican papers every where to copy: "The newspapers of the country are now being held up and reined by the paper trust. The income of the newspapers is not one cent more but the white paper costs from 30 to 60 per cent more and the newspaper man is out that money. How can he see any prosperity in that? We find that money is as hard to collect now as at any time during the past. You cannot make us believe America is prosperous when the people are being robbed to make the trusts and money-grabs prosperous."

A FUNNY predicament in the Kansas City, Kansas, public schools. Superintendent Wolfe has made all of his assistant female teachers "real mad" by promulgating a rule forbidding the wearing of short skirts in school. The golf skirt, you know, is a late fall in wearing apparel. Prof. Wolfe does not keep well posted on fashion's changing tide and was stunned the other day when he saw a young woman teacher in one of the rooms wearing one of these skirts, which was very short and the pattern of which was a lurid plaid. The superintendent saw another, and a third, and he got wroth. He asked the principal to admonish the teachers to lengthen their skirts, but the principal blushed and expostulated, pleading that he was a bachelor and his modesty prevented him from making suggestions about the clothing of the young women. The superintendent then said he will do it himself, and he did, with this declaration: "The skirts must be modest. Any woman with sense enough to teach school knows what that is." Now how long before the Mexico girls will be wearing these skirts?

CONGRESS received the President's message Tuesday. It is a lengthy document. One of the President's first declarations is for the gold standard. To keep the coins of the United States on a parity he recommends that the Secretary of the Treasury be given additional power to sell bonds—any old way it seems to insure the continuance of the gold standard; the President's words in quotations. He declares for the retention of the Philippine, and declares our first duty to be to "aid and comfort our nation."

AN old and famous saying is: "A man is as good as out of a job if he is out of a job." U. S. Senator from Ohio, R. C. Allen, says the "let a job be a job" and he kept. The message reviews our relations with Germany, France, the settlement of the Samoan question, refers to the growth of our trade in the Orient, and advocates an increase of our merchant marine. The President declares that the country is in a "condition of unusual prosperity, of universal good will among the people at home, and in relations of peace and friendship with every government of the world." Nice figure and pretty speech, but sounds a little queer when you reflect awhile.

A Duel on the Street.

Centralia had a little street battle one day last week. A special from that place says: An exciting shooting affray took place upon the streets. James Miller a patent churn peddler, who boards at the residence of George Fisher, it is alleged, insulted Mr. Fisher's wife during Fisher's absence from the house. Upon his return Mrs. Fisher informed her husband of what had occurred, and he started to hunt up Miller. The men met on the street in front of a hotel. Mr. Fisher struck Miller in the face. Miller thereupon pulled out a pistol and fired three shots at Fisher and snapped the pistol twice. After the second shot Fisher ran, but Miller kept on snapping his pistol. Both men have been placed under arrest. Miller is from Fulton, Ky. None of the shots took effect.

Progressive Young Man.

Colman's Rural World.

M. B. Guthrie, Mexico, Mo., is one of the most progressive and well-to-do young men in the state. For many years he has bred Berkshire hogs and fine poultry and is now building up a herd of South-eastern cattle of the popular blood lines, and each one purchased is a very good individual. At the Emmerson and Littlefield sale at Mexico Nov. 3, he bought six head of the best females in the offering, and at the W. P. Harned sale he purchased the grand young bull by Barker and out of Victoria of Hazelbridge 13th, tracing to "Imp Victoria 63rd," by "Pride of the Isles." Before making these purchases he had a few Shorthorns individually good and

Modern Woodmen Officers.

The Mexico camp of M. W. A. elected officers for the ensuing year last Friday night as follows: J. N. Cross, V. C. E. E. Jones, W. A. G. A. Frank, Clerk. E. F. Kunkel, Banker. H. L. Bickley, Escort. J. D. Sims, Sentry. Eugene Dixon, Watchman. E. R. Locke and F. R. Jesse, Managers.

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Bryan Has No Misgiving.

GALVESTON, Tex., Dec. 4.—W. J. Bryan, in discussing next year's campaign here, said the Democrats would make great gains among laborers, office men and traveling salesmen, who are directly affected by the formation of trusts. He said it would be only a question of the majority for the Democrats to win next year.

"The recent elections," Mr. Bryan said, "to an unbiased mind, plainly indicate that the Democrats had the better of it in nearly all of the states in which elections were held. In Ohio, Mr. McKinley's home state, the Democratic gain is more clearly shown than anywhere else, except in Maryland and Nebraska. The vote given Jones was anti-Republican and had he not been in the race I most assuredly would have gone to McLean. Next year, with the present ratio of increase, Ohio will go Democratic by a safe majority."

"The Republicans would like to cover me with the glory of personally winning the fight in Nebraska. They would, if possible, lead the people to believe that there were no issues in this election, and that I was so personally magnetic as to lead the people to the polls with nothing more than myself as an incentive. The truth of the matter is the people of Nebraska have been awakened. They realize that it is the time for a change was being made. A new situation of the affairs of the republic, and they propose to throw off the yoke of a single money and railroad magnate, and check the avarice and greed that has become the objective of that party."

"And not only in Nebraska is this the case, but I find both from personal investigation and from those who are in a position to know, that the people in many sections of other states have more strongly Republican have made up their minds to join the free labor force next year."

Senator Monroe L. Hayward of Nebraska died Tuesday of this week. It is thought Gov. Poynter will name ex-Senator Allen to fill the vacancy.

Death's Harvest

Ed. Madden, who for a number of weeks has been very low of consumption at the home of his brother-in-law, John Crowley, in Vandalia, died last Monday morning at six o'clock. Mr. Madden for a number of years was a barber at Laddonia.

A. M. Huntley, of Farber, aged 55, died Tuesday of this week of heart trouble after an illness of about three weeks. The funeral occurred yesterday at 2 p. m. at the Farber Christian church, services being conducted by Eld. W. P. Dorsey. Mr. Huntley was a good citizen, and such men are always missed. He was a son-in-law of Mr. J. P. Smith of Laddonia.

Eld. E. B. Read, pastor of the Christian church at Platte City, Mo., lost his wife by accidental death on Thanksgiving day. The Aid Society was giving a dinner in the church. Mrs. Read in going to the cloak room to get her wraps happened to open the wrong door, opening the one leading to the basement and stepped into the open space and to her instant death.

Died of His Wounds.

ADAMS, Mo., Dec. 5.—Last Wednesday Drap. Wilson was returning home from a debating society at a schoolhouse and met Thomas Hudnall, who was returning home from Bachelor, a small village eight miles east of here. They quarreled and Wilson struck Hudnall on the head with a piece of a fence rail. He never regained consciousness and died last

Wednesday. The Berkshire herd has been added to by purchases of the best from the herd of Lovejoy and Harvey, of Illinois, and Mr. Gentry of Missouri. Our readers will be informed when Mr. Guthrie has stock for sale.

There was rather a romantic wedding at the Globe Hotel in this city last Monday. The contracting parties were Mr. Eugene Barger, of Chicago, and Miss Lulu Green, of Burlington, Iowa. The couple came to Mexico last week, but the groom-to-be was very sick and was compelled to remain at his hotel. But that delayed matters but little; Miss Green bravely it into Recorder Williams' office and secured the license herself. Monday, while Mr. Barger was to sick too sit up, Miss Green became his wife, the nuptial knot being tied by Rev. A. A. Wallace. The wedding was without the knowledge of their parents.

Mr. W. P. Smith, a son of E. P. Smith, of near Long Branch, this county, now of Laconia, Ark., was married yesterday to Miss Jennie Miller at the home of Wash Miller, near Molino. Mr. Smith is operating a large cotton plantation in Deska county, Arkansas.

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Blooded Cattle Sale.

KIRKSVILLE, Mo., Dec. 5.—The big cattle sales in this city, covering two days, closed this afternoon. Novinger and Cain sold forty-three head of registered Short Horns, including many yearlings and calves. The lot aggregated \$4,700. Miller & Balch sold fifty-one registered Herefords, including a large lot yearlings and calves and this lot brought \$5,600. The North Missouri Poultry Association is holding a four day's show in this city also. There is a fine display of over 500 birds.

Miss Bessie Gallaher and Miss Mae Ohnesurg, of Vandalia, spent Thanksgiving with relatives and friends in this city.

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